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Attention: All Providers

RE: Uncompensated Care Plan Approved by CMS

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has approved the Alabama Medicaid Agency's plan to reimburse Alabama Medicaid providers who provided services, medications, supplies or equipment to hurricane evacuees not covered by insurance or other programs at the time of service.

All claims for uncompensated care must be received no later than June 30, 2006.

To assist providers in filing claims, a request form and spreadsheet to document uncompensated care provided is attached to this email.

For the purposes of this pool, uncompensated care shall mean medically necessary services provided to an individual without private insurance, Medicaid in any state other than Louisiana or Mississippi, Medicare, health care vouchers from any state, federal or charity organization, or any other method of health care coverage who was displaced as a result of Hurricane Katrina.

Reimbursement of uncompensated care is limited to reimbursement for services covered through the Alabama Medicaid Program and in accordance with the terms of the Alabama Uncompensated Care Program.

Additional information is available on Medicaid's website at http://www.medicaid.state.al.us/news/hurricane_update.aspx?tab=2

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